The Suspended Poem of Prophetic Praise

By H.E Sayyid Shaykh Muhammad Al-Yaqoubi

1.O noble night of Mawlid, peace be upon you! From a heart that is passionately in love with Mustafā.

2.Love of the Messenger entered The depths of his heart in his childhood, and resided since then.

3.Intense Yearning calls upon him openly To visit The Beloved year after year.

4. His heart palpitates every day Tears fall from his eyes, flooding.

5. He writhes with longing patiently Passion lights within him a flaming fire.

6.He chants the name of the Beloved and joyfully sings With merriment, and composes melodies.

7.He calls "O Muhammad!" with a never ending voice Its echo has penetrated the skies.

8. His heart has been captivated by the magnificent traits of a prophet who has been elevated to the skies.

9.And by qualities that surpassed the qualities of all And that reached the highest ranks of honour.

10. And by a behavior that has never been tainted with evil And by a life that has never been exposed to sin.

11. And by Accurate correctness in every word and action And by a perfection that outdid all mankind.

12. And by majesty, exaltedness and eminence Which bequeathed him augustness and respect.

13.And by beauty that leant the moon a gown In which it appeared full and clear.

14.He outdid all people in beauty and charm. And he was moderately taller than all.

15. He granted the sun from the brilliance of his face Shining rays that brought light to darkness.

16.No created being is ever similar to him in beauty For at his doorsteps beauty lies.

17.If Yūsuf's beauty drove the women who were gazing at him to cut their fingers and bleed,

18. Then the prophet's beauty cuts through hearts With tenderness, and enchants with ardent love.

His body is a garden of flowers Its beauty surpassed all by charm and harmony.

20. It is like a spiraling delicate branch of the Moringa tree And his smile is like blossoming rose petals.

21.It is like a garden, a beautiful shaded farm And a paradise exuding the fragrance of lavender.

22. The sweat of the Mustafā is perfume and fragrance And the aroma of musk that spreads from his mouth, when he exhales, is permanent.

23.I have been enchanted by the characteristics of the prophet That made him the Imām of all prophets.

24.And by the features that elevated him, and by the praiseworthy traits From which you would assume his characteristics to be dreamlike!

25. And by excellent qualities that are like the sun that is never hiding Its bounties on existence is outwardly increasing.

And by subtle meanings that cheer the soul

And entice whoever aspires to praise him.

27. And by traits that creation has only attained from a droplet of a vast ocean of grace.

28.And by benign manners
Which Allah protected from receiving admonishment:

29. Wisdom, quick-wittedness, sagacity and accuracy Which by he governed Arabs and non-Arabs.

30. And by correctness in judgements that succeeded consultation Which tired governors after his time.

31.And by utterances that are like pearls of a necklace in orderliness and harmony.

32.And by detailed speech that contains no idle talk. Its eloquence has baffled minds.

33. His creation preceded the creation of all prophets Yet he was the seal at the end of time.

34. He is a light, a mercy and guidance, He is to lovers an everlasting breeze.

35. He built for creation an upright religion He who follows his footsteps & keeps upright has triumphed!

36. The Lord of mankind had engulfed creation with his mercy Glad tidings to those who have

37. He is creation's shelter on a day of extreme distress In which tremendous calamities are continuous.

38. That is the start of reconning on the day of resurrection When the noble Messenger is matchless:

39. Mankind seeks on that day every prophet Crying for help, hoping for intersession.

40. And Everyone answers "Myself!, Myself!"

All avoiding that rank.

41. Allah shows his precedence As all of creation witnesses him as the Imam of Messengers

42. So he calls "I am for it!", then he prays To his Lord whilst showing care and concern.

43. And whilst prostrating to Him and glorifying Him With inspired praise that has never been uttered before.

44. If he mentions his Ummah, he is answered: "Glad tidings! You shall intercede for them and be bestowed with Grace"

45. So intercede by him to Allah and know/So ask Allah for his intercession and know That whoever seeks his door shall never be turned away.

46. And come to him with full humility at all states And inhale from his gardens the fragrant breezes.

47. And by his names to Allah take oath, Praying, pleading by him for mercy

48.Draw close to who loves elevating his rank, And distance yourself from who is critical and coarse.

49. And if you ever able to one day, make sure you kiss his blessed head, his hands and his feet.

50. A Master that ascendancy has presented to him

51. A great man that every great thing has come to him With compliancy, submissiveness and surrender.

52. Whoever glances at him is lovingly bewildered by him Whoever mingles with him, he is intensely increased in ardent love.

53. His generous character has contained all people, Like a father turning their pains away.

54. His characteristics are a swaying gentle zephyr It leaves companions around him in a state of intimacy.

55. His company is pleasant, he is clement & kind He has not restricted the rulings of his religion.

56. He came with the moderate religion, And with leniency whilst raising flags.

57. He is openhanded, bounteous and generous. He views donation and benefaction as indispensable/For him...is indispensable.

58. He is freehanded, magnanimous, munificent and bountiful. He has exceeded in extending his charitable palms generous people.

59. He has, in generosity, a hand which has a secret It overflowed with a rain of magnanimity.

60. How often did it strike with spears huge armies. How often did it heal ailments with its touch.

61. From it sprung a sweet spring for the thirsty. It has compassionately caressed the heads of orphans.

62. He has supplicated to Allah whilst raising his hands. Thus the rain of mercy poured forth for days!

63. The when he pointed with his palm

64. He is an ocean of knowledge who has encompassed/compiled all truths He has removed all ambiguity and confusion.

65. He is wise; all great scholars became Servants for his his Sharia.

66. He is most brave when he charges in the battlefield He was a valiant knight.

67. He was stouthearted who never feared an enemy. If he attacks you thought him to be a lion.

68. He hates vulgarity and obscenity, and he rejects Every joke that causes defamation.

69. If a wrongdoer comes to him with a remorseful plea

He would generously pardon and forgive.

70. He never felt bitterness in his heart Nay! Nor did he ever seek revenge.

- 71. It suffices him that the Lord has granted him Revelations and magnificent miracles.
- 72. He has praised him in the Glorious Book He has taken a great oath by his life.
- 73. He has joined the his name with His in the call to prayer, Honouring and announcing him to all.
- 74. O dear prophet who has glory Eternally resting at his feet!
- 75. O dear prophet who is alive and hearing Who Allah protected his body from degradation!
- 76. O dear prophet who we still see amongst us And we meet in a state of wakefulness and sleep!
- 77. O dear prophet who has resided in Taybah Who answers salutations/greetings/ salams in his grave!
- 78. W are, without the kindness of your heart, drowned. We are, without a glance at you, orphaned.
- 79. A glance from your eminent bounty removes, By its gleaming light, all darkness.
- 80. A touch from you, O my healer, shall cure The heart from its illness, and shall remedy all diseases.
- 81. A prayer from you, O my beloved, shall quench My thirst of passionate love, and shall extinguish its fire.
- 82. O fellow, cease! and do not blame me For I do not hear the blame of a criticiser.
- 83. And make haste, dear friend, and listen; For on his love I have been raised since boyhood!

- 84. I have tasted the milk of his love In my youth, and I was never weaned!
- 85. I have fallen in love with him, and since I knew of his love Forgetting him is a sin upon me.
- 86. My deal in his ardent love is most profitable and everlasting for me after Faith in Allah.
- 87. My insanity in his love is of many colours
 And my burning affection shall never be bargained for in his marketplace.
- 88. And my praise of his eminence is my capital And my relation to him
- 89. And my prayers upon him is the most delicious of foods, And listening to his Hadith is the best of condiments.
- 90. Indeed, the remembrance of the Beloved is the best of nourishment For a lover who, from other than him, has abstained!

Translated by Sayyida Aisha al-Yaqoubi